

Buyer's Guide

What to know before you buy a custom iron door...

1. Integrated threshold – Many iron door companies do not make their wrought iron doors with a threshold leaving the door susceptible to racking, unwanted movement and twisting of the jamb. Having a built-in threshold will ensure that your door remains square in its frame and seals properly on all four sides.
2. Welded Door Pulls – Solid door pulls welded to the door offer a one-time handle for the life of your door. Welded handles do not move, do not bend and do not have any moving parts that can break or wear out. Some door pulls are bolted on. Watch for a welded handle to ensure the handle stays put and does not wear out.
3. Hidden charges – Beware of companies offering forged iron doors at a seemingly low price. Often the price you are quoted is for the door only. Add-ons for glass, handles, locks, and other miscellaneous charges can quickly turn what you thought was a great buy into an expensive decision.
4. Warranty – Not all forged iron doors are equal. Be sure to look for an iron door that comes with a solid, lengthy warranty.
5. Finish – The majority of wrought iron door manufacturers use standard powder coating or an epoxy paint to finish their doors. Signature offers both options. Our builder's series line has a zinc primer to protect against rust and epoxy base paint that ensures a beautiful, long-lasting finish. Our premium line includes a zinc rich powdercoat primer and powdercoat color that is baked on for an even longer lasting finish including UV protection from the sun to prevent fading.
6. Insulation – Regardless of the climate you live in, be sure to buy an iron door that is insulated with polyurethane foam insulation and features a dual-pane, insulated window unit. Custom iron doors that are not insulated or have single pane glass will lead to higher heating and cooling costs.
7. Construction- There is only one way to truly make a "hand made" iron door. The iron should be put into the fire then beaten and bent to shape. Beware of companies that plasma cut or use hollow materials to build their custom iron doors and claim they are handmade. If your iron door is not made by forging the iron, then it is not handmade.

What to look for in a company that makes wrought iron doors...

Large Inventory
Nationwide presence
Proven track record
Manufactured by the company selling the product